## **Crown Forklift Parts**

Crown Forklift Parts - The Crown corporation was founded in 1945 by two brothers, Allen A. Dicke and the late Carl H. Dicke. Carl's son and Chairman Emeritus, James F. Dicke, joined the family company later that same year. At this time, his son, James F. Dicke II, is Chairman and CEO. James F. Dicke III, serves as the company President these days, becoming the fourth generation of the Dicke descendants to continue this position.

Now an internationally diversified company, Crown initially fabricated temperature controls for coal burning furnaces, servicing a small clientele. The assembly of these control units took place in a former hardware store based in New Bremen, Ohio, where Crown's head office presently remain.

By the year 1949, Crown moved into the production of rotators for antenna due the increased interest in televisions at the time. The product was proficient at improving the image and signal quality. The company's successful move enabled them to become a leading manufacturer of units until 2001. The company ceased production in October after a decline in the global demand for television antenna rotators.

Crown soon diversified its production to take in the restoration of mechanical and electrical parts for private and government use in the early 1950's. Following a number of lucrative bids within a brief period of time, the company had developed a respectable business in this field.

Flexibility and success dominated Crown's ability to diversify once again. In 1957, production into the materials handling market began with forklift manufacturing. The company believed the industry required a smaller line of top-quality quality forklifts. Crown quickly created an exceptional range of modern equipment and swiftly evolved into the most rapidly evolving materials handling organization with its assortment of products.

In 1966, Crown ventured outside of the US material handling marketplace and into Australia. Sydney, Australia is home to the regional head office and presently leads Crown's Asia Pacific service, sales and marketing and advertising teams. Crown remains an unwavering market leader these days, supported by exceptional service, solid sales and solid manufacturing operations.

In 1968, Crown established itself in the European marketplace by purchasing an Irish production facility from its parent company, Steinbock, who was a German firm. They began to manufacture Crowns' (PTH), hand pallet trucks. Later that same year, Crown started their first London operation stationed near Heathrow Airport. The sales and service operation of Crown's comprehensive lift truck line was offered in the UK by the end of the decade. In the early 1970's, Crown expanded and began marketing lift trucks across Europe through autonomous dealers.

Crown today has a large network of Crown-owned and independently-owned dealers in many key international markets delivering a huge fleet of electric lift trucks. They are accountable for managing the company's product sales and service.

There is Corporate facilities in Munich, Germany and in New Bremen Ohio, which offer promotional sales and nationwide marketing support to all of their dealers and sales personnel. Crown dealers and sales personnel are trained in-house in various disciplines to ensure the utmost reliability and service. The Munich office was launched in the 1980's and delivers purchasing, marketing, engineering and design functions for India, Africa, the Middle East along with Europe. The diverse family of global sellers and Crown-owned sellers successfully operate in nearly 100 overseas city environments.

The 6 USA manufacturing locations for Crown include New Bremen, Ohio; New Knoxville, Ohio; Fort Loramie, Ohio; Celina, Ohio; Kinston, North Carolina; and Greencastle, Indiana. Crown proudly manufactures internationally, building forklifts in Sydney, Australia since 1966, Queretaro, Mexico since 1973, Roding, Germany since 1986 and Suzhou, China since 2006. Crown also owns branch sales and service center operations in more than 30 locations in the USA. International branch sales and service center operations consist of locations in Singapore, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Korea, Malaysia, England, Germany, Belgium and Australia.

Through its numerous clientele on all sides of the world, Crown has built an excellent reputation as a maker of forward-thinking, safe and reliable machines. The company has been awarded more than 50 distinguished design awards and the products that Crown develops continues to attain credit for modernization and top design excellence. Just to illustrate, in the 1970's, Crown's introduction of the side-stance design proved exciting and unparalleled by material handling specialists. Today, this design has acquired general acceptance and earned a Design of the Decade award from the International Design Society of America. Again, more than thirty years later, the 5200S Series Reach Truck is another industry first, providing the operator with multiple comfort choices to lean, sit or stand, along with its unmatched productivity capacity.